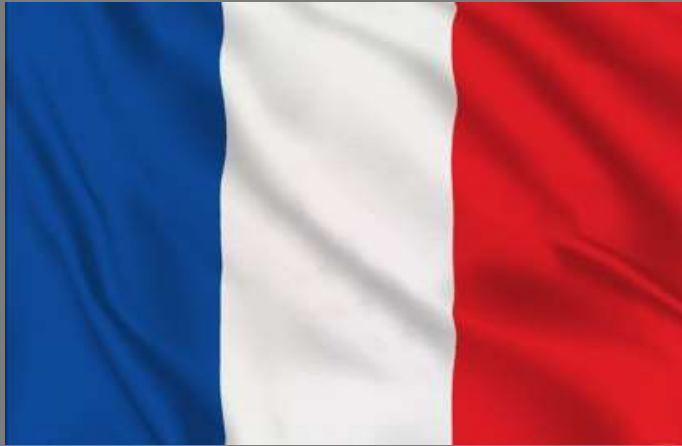


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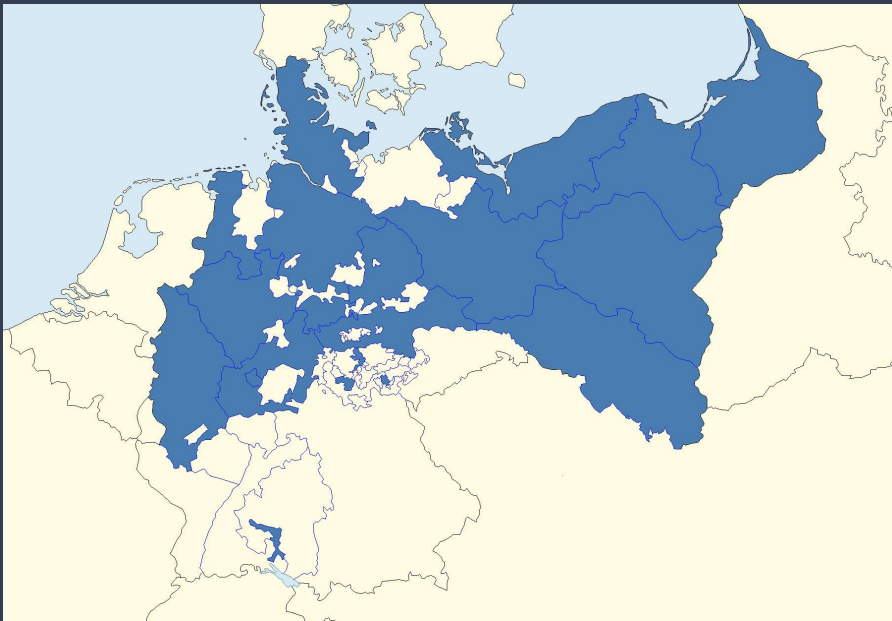
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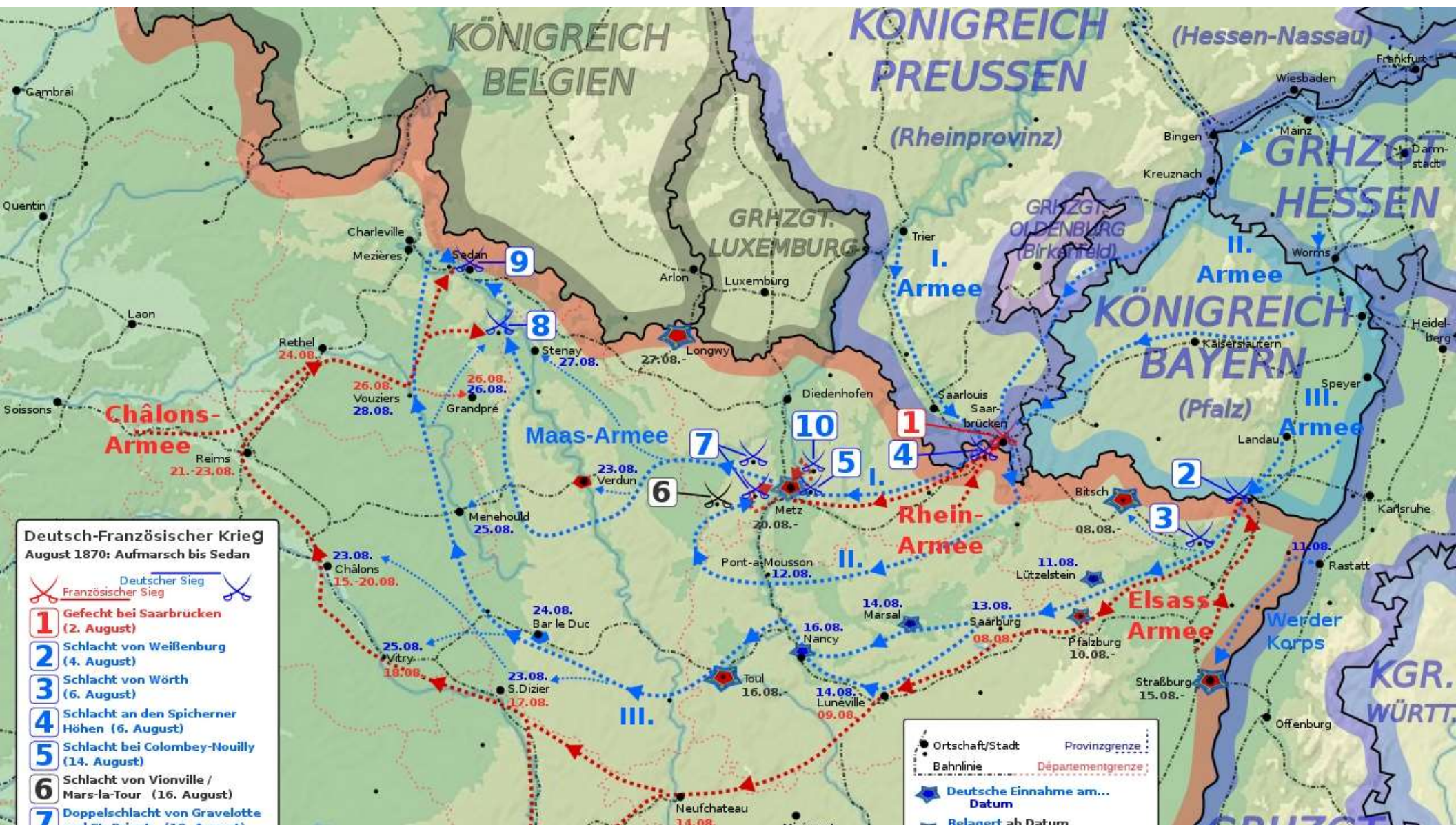




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Franco-Prussian War of 1870-71





TYPICAL DEFACED DENOMINATION



DEFACED SILVER FRANCS



Pickelhaube or Vampire Medals

- ❖ November 1975 issue of The Numismatist
- ❖ Surveyed 373 medals from 31 collections
- ❖ Focusing on only the first 5 types
- ❖ All feature the dates of 12/2/1851 and/or 9/2/1870
- ❖ Use some variation of the “vampire” owl

Type A

- ❖ Accredited to a Belgium engraver at the Brussels mint
- ❖ All are 31.5 mm in diameter and struck in copper
- ❖ Most varied, well-executed and imaginative series
- ❖ Five designs are coin aligned; 1 design medal aligned
- ❖ Rarity ranges from very common to very scarce



A1



A2



A1



A2



A4



A5



A3



A6



Type B

- ❖ Known as skull & crossbones type
- ❖ All are 33 mm in diameter & struck in copper
- ❖ Obverse similar in design to the previous A series
- ❖ Uses skulls, crossbones and blood droplets as spacers
- ❖ Very scarce to very rare; occasionally available



B1



B2



Types C, D & E

❖ Obverse inscriptions:

- “NAPOLEON III LE MISERABLES”
- “80,000 PRISONERS”

❖ Reverse inscriptions:

- “VAMPIRE FRANCAIS”
- “2 DEC 1851 – SEPT 2 1870”



Type C

Inscription spacer



Erect Owl



Hunched Owl



Type D

Napoleon on a lease as a
German dog enjoying his
cherished cigarette



Similar yet different reverse dies

Type E

